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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Concealment Vest

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Chalmers, Dick*

1. On 12 June 1957 the undersigned met with [redacted] TSS/ED and Capt. Steffen, U.S. Airforce, in West Outbuilding.

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2. The final prototype of the vest molded of polyurethane plastic was examined by the parties present at the meeting to determine if it was suitable for immediate issue to fulfil an operational requirement. The vest has several large tears in the molded plastic, and the straps used for attachment of the vest to the body are dangerously weak. Capt. Steffen concluded that the vest is not suitable for issue. He also felt that a vest in the present condition might jeopardize future utilization of the basic design because of a possible poor reception of the unit on hand.

3. The present plan of attack to complete the design of the concealment vest was outlined. Capt. Steffen again indicated considerable enthusiasm for our basic approach to the problem. Arrangements have been made to permit the undersigned to travel to Rome, New York to coordinate the vest design with the personnel at Griffis Air Force Base who are responsible for the electronic equipment.

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Presently plans are being made to have the project.

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